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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Friday September 22d. to Monday September 25th. 1710.

WHEREAS the Subscribers to this Paper, always paid their Money Quarterly to the Men that are employ'd in the delivering out of the same, this is therefore to give Notice to all such, that after *Michaelmas-Day* next, the Proprietor of the said Paper will employ a Servant of his own to Collect the said Quarteridge, and at the Payment of the same, to receive a Printed Receipt for their Discharge, Sign'd by *J. Mayo*, Printer of the said Paper.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. I *Beg you'll favor me with the meaning of these Words, in* Chap. 8. Ver. 2. *of* 2 Sam. And he Smote *Moab* and measured 'em with a Line, casting them down to the Ground: Even with two Lines measured he, to put to Death; and with one full Line, to keep Alive: And so the *Moabites* became *David*'s Servants, and brought Gifts.

Yours, W. B.

A. This Place is indeed Obscure and Subject to different Interpretations. Our Opinion of it is, that the first Part of the *Verse* referrs to *David*'s using the Country of the *Moabites* at his Pleasure, in dividing their Land by measure and giving it to whom and in what Proportion he pleased, and rasing their Cities to the Ground; and the latter Part referrs to his Division of the People into three Parts so equally, as if they had been measured with a Line, one of which he preserved Alive, and the other two he put to the Sword. The whole is a Metaphor taken from Husbandmen and Surveyors, who measure Land with a Line, assigning at Pleasure so many Acres for Corn, so many for Pasture, *&c.*

Q. Gentlemen, *We Read in the first* Chapter *of* Genesis, *and the* 26th Verse, *these Words*, viz. And God said let us make Man in our Image. *I desire to know the meaning of* LET US, *which will very much Oblige,*

Gentlemen,

Your Subscriber, J. O.

A. The Primitive Fathers do from this Text Unanimously Collect a Trinity of Persons in God, which we cannot but own to be the most natural and rational Explication of this Place. It is manifest how much the *Jewish* Interpreters are Baffled by this Argument, and how difficult it is to them to elude it by considering only the forced and absurd Explications of these Words: Some of them pretending that God bespeaks the Angels, for Fear they might entertain some Jealousy of Man, whom he had determined to make in their likeness. But to make Angels Creators is a gross Absurdity. God neither wanted nor used them in the Creation. How cou'd he deliberate about the Creation of Man with those that were themselves Created? Others of them therefore acknowledging the Absurdity of this Interpretation, feign another instead of it that is notwithstanding altogether as Ridiculous. They say that God here bespeaks the four Elements, as if he had said to them, *Do you give Man a Body and I will give him a Soul.*

Q. Gentlemen, *I desire to know your Opinion, Whether after this World there will be another?*

Yours, GRADENIZO.

A. This Question having a Relation to the *Millennium*, of which we have lately Treated, We shall say nothing Peremptory of it our selves. 'Tis a Point of dubious Dispute, all the Arguments for and against are largely Explained by Dr. *Burnet*, in his *Theory of the Earth*, and Dr. *Whitby* in his Exposition of the *New Testament*, to which we refer the Reader.

Q. Gentlemen, *I desire to know the Original Descent of the* Moors?

Yours, O. H.

A. If the Querist means the *Moors* properly so called, or the Inhabitants of *Morocco*, we are told that the first that Peopled that and the other Adjacent Countries was *Phut*, the Third Son of *Ham*, and his Posterity. Accordingly *Josephus* says, that the People of these Countries were Anciently called *Phutei*, and *Pliny* mentions the River *Phut* in *Mauritania*.

Q. APOLLO, *Why are the Fore-Wheeles of a Coach made less than the Hinder-Wheeles? A speedy Answer will Oblige,*

Yours, G. X.

A. One Reason is the Crookedness of the Ways requiring frequent Turnings of the Coach to the Right and Left Hand, for which purpose the littleness of the Fore-Wheels were a good Expedient. For if the Fore Wheels were made as large as those behind, the Coach cou'd not be Turned without taking a larger Compass, which sometimes wou'd be very Incommodious. It will be asked, why then are the Hinder-Wheels made so large, since they may as well Subject the Coach to this Inconvenience of Turning? We may Answer, they are made so partly that they may raise the Coach higher out of the Dirt, and partly because greater Wheels are more easily moved than the less in a right Line, as is proved in Mechanics: And as for their Difficulty of being Turned, it is easily conceivable that their being Situated behind remedies that Inconvenience. The other Reason of the littleness of the Fore-Wheels is of higher consideration. It is to be observed therefore, that the Reins, which tye the Coach to the Horses, are fastened at the ends of the fore Axle-Tree. And since these two ends are the Points of the Application of the Force to the Weight, if the Axle-Tree be as high as the Horses Breasts, the Line of Draught (according to which the Force is applied) will be parallel to the Horizon; and therefore while the Coach is drawn along a Horizontal Plane the Application of the Force will be direct. But because there are no Ways so perfectly plain, but that the Coach must be drawn over many Stones, or Hillocks, or such like Eminences, the direct Application of the Force will not in such Cases be parallel to the Horizon, but to the Acclivity of the Eminence. And that Provision might be made when such Cases shou'd happen, nothing cou'd be better contrived than that the Axle-Tree shou'd be placed lower than the Horses Breasts. For by this Means the Force is more directly applied, where there is the greatest need of it; and the Weight is both raised up and drawn forward at the same Time, in Order to overcome the Eminences and Roughness of the Ways.

Q. APOLLO, *Some time since a Friend of mine was Riding to* Uxbridge *on a* Sabath-Day; *his Horse went very well till he came just up to* Tyburn, *where he was going to Whip the Gallows with his Whip, but the Horse would not go one step further, with all the Whipping he could give him: I desire your Opinion, whether this Accident may signify any thing to his Future State; in Answering this you will much Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant and Subscriber, F. W.

A. It is not in the least strange, that an Horse shou'd start at, and not be brought easily up to any uncommon Spectacle in his way: But if he freely pass'd other Obstacles, and refrain'd alone being brought up to the Gallows, that his Master might Whip it, it looks a little Ominous, and as if it was, his Destiny, the Gallows shou'd Whip him off; but it is in the Power of an Honest Man to overrule such Destiny.

Q. 1st. *Why are Persons not overstock'd with Brians, usually call'd* Ben's?

Q. 2d. *Why People with a good stock of Impudence are said to be Qualify'd to keep a Corner-Shop?*

A. As to your first Question, one *Ben Gourden*, a Natural Fool kept by the Earl of *Shrewsbury* in King *James* the I's. Time, had the Honor to have his Name conferr'd on all succeeding Proprietors of equal Talents with himself. A Man well stock'd with Impudence is said to be Qualify'd to keep a Corner-Shop, because he is liable to the Confronting many more Persons, than in any other part of a Street.

Q. *Through common Faith and Oaths, let others* [*Break,*
I Scorn the base Ignoble ways they take:
The undisguised Dictates of my Heart,
My Tongue to all shall readily impart, &c.

A. We Inserted not the rest of the Lines, because the Querist desir'd they might be Answer'd by a Gentleman by Name, who is not of our Society, therefore if he pleases, he may carry them to him.

POEMS.

Q. GREAT Idol *of the prying Town,*
Upon your Suppliant, pray don't frown,
Who tho' he late Addrest in strong Verse,
Once more approaches with no long Verse.

Response to Problem comes so quick, Sir,
Some think you Traffick with Old Nick, Sir,
While Soul and Body run on Tick, Sir.
But I'll no such Opinion harbor
Because I think't unjust and Barbar-
** Ous (here you see keeps Metre safe,*
Thus Ralpho's *sometimes call'd plain* Ralph)
For, tho' you Satan's *Maxims follow,*
And (like him) stile your self APOLLO;
Tho' full as soon you Answer Questions,
As did the Dælian *Wench possess'd, once;*
'Tis to be hop'd, you're more Sagacious,
And eke of Wellfare more Tenacious,
Than to contract with Fiend aforesaid,
Of whom there here shall be no more said.

Now since you see my Inclination,
To vindicate your Reputation;
Pray, in return, dispatch an Answer,
To Query, which I shall advance, Sir.

* Vide *Hudibras*, Canto I.

Th

Th' occasion then, and Birth Unfold,
Of that Fam'd Adage quaint and Old;
" The D—l was Sick, the D—l a Monk would be,
" The D—l was Well, the D—l a Monk was he.

Don Diego Curioso.

A. Tho' with Sarcastic Bites, you slily,
A True Friend to *APOLLO*, stile ye;
While you your own Suggestions tell us,
And Father 'em on other Fellows;
Devising Falsities by Dozens,
For proving us and *Old Nick* Cousens;
As if the *Prince* of *Sable Night*,
Cou'd Kindred Claim with th' *God of Light*,
As Opposite in all Men's Eyes,
As you your self are to the Wise:
For did not *SOL* (say if you can)
Foretel things for the *Good* of *Man-Kind* (here the Metre runs as true, Sir,
As that which We receiv'd from you, Sir)
While that Old Stinking *Rascal*; fye, Sir!
Still's hatching Mischeif, or a Lye, Sir,
Tho' you Prevaricate thus odly,
Like the *Enthusiastic Godly*;
To shew we are above all Matters,
Which Maggot-pated Critic Smatters;
We'll Answer in our own Defence,
As if sent from a Man of Sense.

The D—l's exactly in your State, Sir,
Who spends his Time in wicked Satyr,
Abusing both the *Gods* and *Men*,
And all the *Attributes* of Heav'n;
But when He's *Sick*, especially,
If he does truly think He shall Dye;
He has no Maw to be *Litigious*,
But on the sudden grows *Religious*;
Yet if he be restor'd once more,
He grows as Wicked as before:
Then think *Don Diego*, e'er you're lost, Sir,
On th' Poor Sick D—l in his Cloister,
And this may true Repentance help in,
And make you fit to Dye, when Squelping.

Q. APOLLO, *Common Council of the City,*
Commiserate my Case, extend your Pity,
Pity, O Pity me! unhappy Swain,
Whose hopes are Blasted by my Love's disdain;
Drusilla's *Heart no Arguments can move,*
She still proves Deaf to all I say of Love;
Nay, more, the Killing Language of her Eyes,
Joyns with her Lips, and silently denies;
To bear this Cross your Suppliant Advises:
In this Distress, O whether should I fly,
Where? but to you who never did deny,
To hear the Humble Suit Poor Lovers make,
To you, who always Cogent Methods take,
By such Prescriptions as can't want Success,
The formidablest Grievance to Redress;
Therefore with speed Discry the Happy Day,
To gain my Dear Drusilla *and I'll pay,*
My Grateful Thanks to Pitying, Kind Apollo,
And his Advice, if Practicable, follow.

A. Strange Pow'r of Love, how thou Transform'd Mankind,
Not once, when touch'd by Thee, himself we find,
The Courtier all his Gallantry forsakes,
And Noble Blood, for Sheepherds Truls mistakes;
Courts 'em in Rural Strains, the Fresh and Gay,
The Nimph with Garlands Crown'd the Queen of May,
And what strange Raptures wou'd transport their Loves,
In Deserts wild and unfrequented Groves;
That one wou'd swear the Town they'd never seen,
Or in the Palaces of Princes been.

The Lawyer's Clerk quits Barbarous Law—French,
And Language in the Pit to Orange Wench,
A Sheepherd grows and Sheepherdesses Courts
And Sacrifices Plays to Country Sports.
A Heathen Dialect his Brain refines,
Of Temples, Altars, Oracles and Shrines,
For Christian Converse he no more is fit,
Than Men of Sense to entertain, his Wit.

And here's a Cit too, tho' it prove his Bane,
Resolves (forsooth) to turn Country-Swain;
And what Cares he his Book and Shop to keep,
His Trade is only now in Flocks of Sheep:
His Girl—Heav'ns! wou'd it not provoke to Laughter,
Drusilla's Nam'd perhaps some Taylor's Daughter;
Who by this time, a Goddess is at least,
Yet still she must be worry'd by the Beast.

But what is Pleasantest, when e'er the Trapes,
By Vapors Peevish grown, abuse their Apes;
Then we your Invocations must endure,
To Pimp to bring your Wenches to your Lute:
Suppose it in our Pow'r their Hearts to move,
What proof have we that you deserve their Love?
When we're secure of that, then come again,
And we'll Advise you, how you may obtain,
Or by a ready way to end your Pain.

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SIR,

THE Letters from St. Sebastians, Sept. 16th, say, they have recieved certain Advices, That King Philip set out the 9th Instant

Instant from Madrid for Vallidolid, attended by the Dukes of Medina-Sidonia and Ossuna, the Constable of Castile, and some other Lords; That there is also Advice, that the Army of King Charles is arrived within Two Leagues of Madrid: From whence General Staremberg detach'd with 2000 Horse, to take Possession of that City, and receive the Homage of the Inhabitants; that the Duke of Vendosme being arrived at Toloza, within 4 Leagues of that Place; he received Advice the 12th at Night, that a Body of 2000 Horse coming from Estremadura was Defeated by the Allies, between Alcala and Madrid; That all the Towns in Navarre, except Pampelona, have declared for King Charles; who has sent the Count de la Puebla to Valencia with 4000 Men; So that there is no doubt but that Kingdom has declared for that Prince. From the Camp before Aire, Sept. 29th. 'Tis Advised that on Saturday the necessary Dispositions were made for Attacking a Redoubt on the Left, and the Intrenchments which Cover the Sluces; But the Bridge was Unfortunately broke by a Bomb; which us to put off the Attack to another Day. The Seige of St. Venant goes on with all imaginable Success; That the 26th the Besiegers lodg'd themselves on the Glacis, and Yesterday took the Cover'd Way and Counterguard with very little Loss, so that Advise is hourly expected that the Garrison has Beat a Parley; That they have received a Convoy of 1500 Barrels of Powder from Lisle and Tournay.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

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